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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, June 11, 2014 in Meeting Room 488, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: **Councillors:** D. Screech (Chair), P. Madoff (Vice-Chair), C. Green, M. Milne, V. Sanders, M. Loveless
Guests: R. Nicholson, M. Sing, and P. Sullivan, Arts Advisory Council
Staff: J. Lam, S. Bligh (Recorder)

REGRETS: M. Brame, A. Dobb, A. Bryson (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Green **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne that the Minutes of the May 13, 2014 Arts Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Green **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne that the Minutes of the April 1 and May 6, 2014 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

No Chair's Report.

4. ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

M. Sing introduced Patti Sullivan, Deputy Funding Chair of the AAC and commented on AAC work related to recent grant adjudications and the creation of a working group that will meet during the summer to examine several issues related to Arts Development grant processes.

5. MAY 2014 IDEA GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

The May 2014 IDEA grant recommendations were tabled for discussion. J. Lam spoke to the grant process. Of the eight applications received by the deadline, seven applications were recommended for a total of \$13,500. Including the February IDEA grant disbursement of \$11,500, a total of \$25,000 will be disbursed from the 2014 IDEA grant fund leaving the remaining \$10,000 in the reserve fund.

R. Nicholson discussed the applicants and responded to questions, noting the development in the quality of the applications from organizations that had applied for the 2nd time.

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Green that the May 2014 IDEA Grants for an amount totaling \$13,500 be approved as recommended by the Arts Advisory Council.

CARRIED

6. MAY 2014 PROJECT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

J. Lam discussed the tabled Staff Report recommending May 2014 Project Grants. Of the 16 applications received by the grant deadline, 15 grants are recommended for funding resulting in the disbursement of the remaining \$90,000 from the Project grant budget for 2014.

P. Sullivan provided an overview of the 16 applicants and responded to questions. It was noted that recent applications were starting to resemble "small operating" proposals, an issue the Advisory Council will examine during its summer meetings.

MOVED by Councillor Green **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne that the May 2014 Project Grants for an amount totaling \$90,000 be approved as recommended by the Arts Advisory Council.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the correspondence from the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival be received

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

Referencing the recent donation from North Saanich, M. Sing noted that the possibility of making donations to the Arts Service may not be well known. It was suggested that the creation of an Arts Development foundation was something to consider.

P. Madoff noted the Royal McPherson Theatre Society has issued a request for proposals for consulting services to carry out a Business Planning Study. She also noted that she had received correspondence from the Victoria Symphony thanking the Committee for its consideration related to funding Symphony Splash.

C. Green requested that Barbara Adams, Oak Bay Arts Laureate, be permitted to attend an Arts Committee meeting in the fall so that she can formally introduce herself to the Committee. The Committee accepted this request.

M. Milne requested follow up on the \$10,000 grant that went to the Royal and McPherson Theatres Centennial Celebrations. P. Madoff commented that the the event was a huge success noting particularly the events that took place in Centennial Square. J. Lam stated that he expects to receive a summary report from the RMTS in the near future.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED